



A special welcome to visitors to West, a place of shelter, faith and laughter. We are an all-age, all-stage community where everyone is included.

We especially love having kids involved in the service on Sundays. So please don't worry if anyone with you makes a little bit of noise – we're glad to have you with us!

Morning tea is part of our time together, so you're warmly invited to stick around for a fairtrade tea or coffee after the sitting-down part of the service.

Look out for people assembled in the area near the side exit door – they will be happy to pray with you after the service.

See inside for more....

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 2020

2 FEB Back to school blessing
Andrew

9 FEB Reflecting Pastorally in/on a
Racing Peloton
Andrew

16 FEB Local Stories at Otaka Pa
Damon Ritai

23 FEB Energy Making Mitochondria
Brian Wood



It is (still) the start of a New Year. It is the start of a new decade.

As disciples of Jesus learning to do what Jesus did and become like Jesus, what do we think Jesus (via his Spirit) might want to say to us about this New Year and New decade?

What might God be inviting us to leave behind?

What might God be inviting us to take with us into this New Year and decade?

If this is something you haven't considered, how about creating some space to prayerfully ponder these questions.

Andrew 😊

west: making a difference

We have a portfolio of people and communities we support around New Plymouth and the world. The basics:

Paul and Sarah, Mikayla and Malachi (S Asia/ NZ)

We continue to give thanks for this time of rest. Please pray for Mikayla and Malachi as they return to school after the holiday period. Pray that they will approach school in the new year with a fresh enthusiasm for learning

Carley (S Asia): Pray for Jesu, the new Principal at GEMS. Pray for wisdom for him in taking on this new role, and also for the support and co-operation of the staff, parents and teachers. Pray for our teachers as there are a lot of changes happening in the school. Pray that they can adapt and grow, and embrace the changes.

Charlie & Jo (S Asia): We have a number of visitors here in the next few months. Please pray that they would be able to understand and engage well with the work we are doing. Pray also for the current political situations that are affecting the peace of this nation.

Closer to home:

We love and partner with **Spotswood Primary School**, across the road. We're involved with HPP Reading, KickStart Breakfast Club, Pastoral Care,

Mother's Day Brunch, Morning Tea for staff at the start of each term, Citizenship Award, and other areas individuals volunteer in. There are many ways you can serve our school community if you're interested.

Spotswood Primary Chaplaincy. Andrew spends Wednesday mornings at the school. He is a part of regular pastoral care team meetings which seek to collaboratively support children and families, and he spends time listening to and supporting children. Andrew is also working on developing a partnership between West, School and Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring.

Hospital Chapel Service support. Hospital Chapel Service Support: We are gradually having people pull out of the team, because of other changing commitments, and we are now down to only one additional helper, so Ian and Jill would really appreciate having a couple more team members for 2020. It's not an arduous task at all, it is greatly appreciated by patients who desire to attend the services, and we only do it 4 times per year (and you'd not have to help every time.) Please talk to Ian or Jill if you can help, or if you wish to find out more about the role.

west: growing

Carey's 2020 Guided Learning options start soon (10 Feb). These are low intensity, yet very practical courses that run online for eight months. These are designed for people in ministry leadership roles. The requirement is 5 or 6 hours of work each month with content designed to develop you in your ministry area. There are no assignments, but rather monthly reflections. The cost is \$110. Topics to choose from: Making Disciples who Make Disciples, Theology Reading Group, Good Governance, Domestic Violence within the Church, Spiritual Disciplines, Leading Multicultural Faith Communities, Being Baptist, Youth: The Theological

Journey through Youth Ministry, Unlocking Revelation, Church Management, Communication Church and Society. For more info and to register: <http://www.lifelonglearning.nz/guided-learning-2020>

All men are welcome to share a drink and good conversation at **Blokes and Cokes**, 7.30pm at Westside Grill (formerly known as WestBar.) Our gatherings are held once every four weeks. See Brian M and the events section over the page for dates.

The **Ladies Tuesday Group** (formerly **Rainbow group**) meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons, at 1pm at Heather H's home. See events section for dates.

The **Movie Group** will meet weekly at Grant & Megan's home on Tuesday nights to watch and discuss movies on the themes of our sermon series. On the first Tuesday of the month members take part in a Quiz night at Westside Grill at 6.30pm. We begin the year with our first meeting on Tuesday 11th February.

Carol and James McK host a fortnightly 'Chocolate Fish' Bible study at their home. See 'events' section for dates. Anyone looking for a fortnightly home group is welcome to check us out. We begin the New Year with our first meeting on Thursday February 20th, at 7.30pm. If anyone new would like to join us you're welcome to come along.

Music & Play For parents and children under 5 years. We have a great team working well

together and lots of families participating in a programme, and more importantly participating in community and friendships. We meet every Friday at 10am. We start for the New Year on Friday 7th February.

Family Faith Night: Families, Food, Fun, Faith. 5 – 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. We start with shared kai. We're not meeting in February, but will at the start of March.

Impact Youth Year 7 to 13 youth at West in 2020 is likely to look a bit different from the previous two years. The combined youth group with St James won't be continuing this year. All parents and youth will be contacted soon to discuss the new possibilities.

Contact James M to be put on the text message group and/or find the facebook page for **Impact Youth New Plymouth** (Andrew will give you access to the closed group.)

The Music Group This month's practices will be on 13th and 27th February at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

west: in our community

EASTER ALIVE: The once regular dramatic representation of Jesus death and resurrection is going to be made into a movie for 2020. The end movie will have showings at CityWest Church Wednesday 8th April at 4pm and 7pm, prior to Easter 2020.

This is a call for actors and helpers. This is an amazing opportunity for the Christian community to be a part of something bigger that will reach even further than a live production.

The commitment required will be a rehearsal on Wednesday night the 19 February at 6.30pm, CityWest church and then depending on roles, on three consecutive Saturdays, 22, 29 February and 7 March at varying locations around the city. Some roles are only required on one of the Saturdays. The hope is that these out of normal work hours commitments will attract young and vibrant members to the cast.

Auditions for acting roles are at Frankley School Hall 357 Tukapa Street on Saturday February 15th at 9am. For other roles please contact Louise or Richard. e.g. wanting to help with videography, sound and props. There will also be auditions open to the schools for local children's involvement.

There is a flyer on the noticeboard. For further information, please make contact via email, with either Richard West flourishwest@gmail.com or Louise James ljames@orcon.net.nz. [Facebook.com/npeasteralive](https://www.facebook.com/npeasteralive) Feel free to share posts and tag others in the posts.

west: people

Jude SM has been discharged from Hospital and is now in the care of Margaret S while she is recuperating.

Congratulations Eden! Eden is starting Kindy!

Caleb and Aaron are both starting at Devon Intermediate this year.

All the best to all our students at the beginning of fabulous learning opportunities – school.

And to the teachers – kia kaha!

Welcome back Khon, Nang, Ruth and Hparat – we hope you had an awesome holiday in Myanmar!

Jocelyn D has been moved to a room upstairs (Room 73) in Jean Sandel Rest Home and would still love a visit. If she is not in her lovely corner room, she'll be in the lounge (next to the main desk.)

Please continue to **pray for and support** those who are struggling with ongoing health difficulties, and those unable to meet on Sundays **Eric P, Ruth S, Lyn S, Marlinka R, Jocelyn D.**

west: events

Over 60's Group Syd & Cela will be in touch regarding the February get-together.

MAN CAMP Northpoint Baptist Church has invited all men (including boys School Year 7 upwards) to their Man Camp over Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. Super fun stuff planned. Amazing guest speaker I've heard lots of times. March 6-8. Details are on the noticeboard. Does anybody want to help get a bunch of West guys along?

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

7,14,21,28 th	Music & Play, at West, 10am	13, 27 th	Music Practice
11, 25 th	Ladies Tuesday Group at Heather H's home, 1pm	17 th	Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm
11,18,25 th	Movie Group at Grant & Megan's	20 th	Chocolate Fish Group, at Mck's.

west: pitching in

Prayer: If you have a prayer request, please contact Andrew who would be delighted to pray with you and/or put your request on the prayer chain.

We have an **e-mail prayer chain** where a dozen people are committed to praying for any request, as they are able. All West people are encouraged to be a part of this. If you'd like to join the prayer chain as a pray-er, please contact Andrew.

Each month we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$9,500 per month in offerings; in December our offerings were \$8,861.00.

If you'd like to set up an **automatic payment** or use envelopes to contribute financially to the work of the church please see our treasurer, Brent G. (751 0010.) The government will rebate a full third of what you give.

Cleaning & Morning Tea Lawnmowing	1 FEB Lynda L Andy L James M	8 FEB James M Carol M	15 FEB Michael P Elizabeth P Jude SM	22 FEB Roi SM Jude SM	29 FEB Bedford family Murray L
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